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Underground Force Quits Revolutionary Group to Protest C.I.A. Action

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The Peoples Revolutionary Movement, which operated the main underground network in Cuba, has decided to quit the Cuban Revolutionary Council as what its spokesmen described today as "disgust" over the post-invasion situation.

The movement, headed by Manuel Ray, resolved to sever its ties with the council—here before the political top command of groups opposing Premier Fidel Castro—as a result of a meeting held in Miami last night.

According to informants, the group was "deeply disturbed" over what it believes are continuing activities of the Central Intelligence Agency among Cuban exiles and its "partiality" for persons formerly associated with Dictator Fulgencio Batista.

The Council's president, Dr. José Miró Cardona, was in

Washington today. He was expected to be formally told of the Movement's action tomorrow.

The Council was formed on March 24 when the Movement led by Señor Ray joined the Democratic Revolutionary Front to provide a facade of unity for the anti-Castro operations.

When the invasion was launched April 17, the underground organization of the Movement was not brought into the enterprise. This fact has been regarded by the Movement as the reason for the failure of the invasion attempt and private accounts by men who took part in the landing appear to bear out the assertion.

Señor Ray is reported to have resisted until now a move that would mean the splitting up of the Council. The situation that has developed in the ensuing weeks is said to have finally forced his hand.

The Movement, which is preparing a public statement of its position, was reported to resent the apparently continuing control of the C. I. A. over the anti-Castro forces in Miami. The Movement's spokesmen said that C. I. A. was "still playing Cuban politics."

Thus, they said, the Revolutionary Council, seemingly acting with the C. I. A.'s blessings, is recruiting former officials of the Batista dictatorship for a new "national army" while refusing support for Señor Ray's group.

Despite promises of aid for what is left of the Movement's underground inside Cuba, they charged, "nothing is being received."

Therefore, the Movement indicated, there was no further reason for it to remain in the Council.

The Council still enjoys the full backing of the United States Government and Dr. Miró Cardona is reported to have access to the White House and the Department of State.

Shortly before the Movement's directorate met in Miami to decide on abandoning the Council, it received a lengthy confidential report from underground chiefs in Cuba painting a dreary picture of the rebel situation there.

The report said that the April invasion "completely demoralized the people of Cuba and especially the militant members of the Movement and some of its leaders."

Describing in detail the mass arrests at the time of the invasion, the report said that many of the Movement's key leaders were detained, although the basic structure remained intact.

Conspiratorial work, the report continued, is almost impossible because "there is not a single house where one can be received or where one can hide."

Stressing that all the other underground groups had vanished except for the Peoples Movement, the report said that "for a long time we shall not be able to resume activities in the fields of propaganda and fund raising."

The financial resources of the underground have completely dried up, the report added, and the clandestine directorate of the Movement has resolved to order many of the organization's members to abandon Cuba.

The top leaders will remain and will try to carry on conspiratorial work, it said. However, the report continued, "we are not under any illusions" as to what can be achieved.

The report said that "there does not exist the slightest faith in our internal resources or in direct action of the Cubans."

"Ninety per cent of the Cuban people today see intervention by the United States or the Organization of American States as the only solution of the problem."

"We are impotent to continue an armed struggle inside the country. This is why we tell you that you should not dream with internal strategic plans, help in equipment and all the other flowers that the Americans now offer us, because we have reached the conclusion that nothing, absolutely nothing, can be done by us."

Meanwhile, Congressional reports said today that C.I.A. witnesses testifying earlier this month before the Senate's Subcommittee on Latin American Affairs had estimated that the April invasion had cost the United States nearly \$45,000,000.

The Subcommittee has received testimony from the C.I.A. Director, Allan W. Dulles, and his Deputy, Richard M. Bissell, as well as from other high military and civilian officials. The inquiry is continuing.

Today, Mr. Dulles testified before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on the subject of Cuba and other world situations.

Seventy-four Cuban university professors in exile have declared that Inter-American facts "demand the joint action of the American countries against Communist regime such as Cuba's."

The joint declaration was issued as an advertisement in today's issue of The New York Times, countering a May 10 open letter to President Kennedy by seventy United States professors and writers. The Americans had called for ending "support to an invasion by exiles and for relaxing diplomatic tensions and resuming trade."

cluded Roberto Agramonte, 1932 President candidate and first Foreign Minister in Premier Fidel Castro's regime; Gustavo Cuervo Rubio, Vice President of Cuba from 1940 to 1944, and José Alvarez Diaz, former Minister of the Treasury under President Carlos Prío Socarras.

The Cuban professors charged that Dr. Castro had used force to suppress Cuban rights and freedoms, and had "executed more than 1,000 Cubans and continues to do so."